

West Ilsley News

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ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Tuesday 4th April there will be an outing by coach to Morton-in-Marsh and Stow-on-the-Wold. The coach will leave from outside the Church at 9.30

am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to J Collier 281283.

Easter Bingo

Good Friday 14th April

7.30pm

West Ilsley Village Hall.

Lots of EASTER EGGS to win

For all the family

Bring Your Own Drinks

Raffle prizes welcome to Audrey at

5 Fir Tree Cottages

Admission 20p, children 10p

Bingo Books 30p

Proceeds to West Ilsley Village Hall funds

West Ilsley Parish **Council**

**Are advertising for positions on their
Council**

**For more information please contact
The Clerk**

Support your Village!

Alison Banks

Clerk to the Council

The Malthouse

West Ilsley

DIARY

APRIL

12th Easter Week Activity day

14th Easter Bingo

24th Parish Assembly

MAY

8th Parish Council Meeting

13th Sponsored walk/ride/cycle

14th Plant and cake stall

21st Concert

JUNE

17th/18th Camp Out

JULY

9th West Ilsley Fete

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Wednesday 26th April

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file (via email or disk), but most importantly, **please do contribute**. Contact details:

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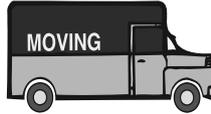
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WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Welcome to Neil, Mandy, Andrew and Briony Slater who moved into Ridgeways in the Maltings at the beginning of March and farewell to Paul and Lynne Smith who have left Ridgeways.



ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for March:

2 nd April	All Age Worship	11.00am
9 th April	Holy Communion	8.00am
Palm Sunday		
16 th April	Family Communion	11.00am
Easter Day		
23 th April	Holy Communion	9.30am
30 th April	United Benefice Holy Communion at <u>Beedon</u>	10.00am

Back by Popular Demand!



Maestros Simon Baggs and Martin Thorne return to West Ilsley to perform well-loved classics at a **special concert** in the church on Sunday 21st May. Simon and Martin entranced and enchanted the audience at their last

memorable performance in 2004. Details of timings and tickets available soon – this is not one to be missed and tickets will go fast.

The **Sponsored Run, Walk, Ride, Cycle** returns on 13 May. Masterminded once more by the energetic Scrivens the course will take in the beautiful sights of the West Ilsley downlands. It will be lots of fun, will do you some good and do others some good as funds raised will once again be split between a well-deserving local charity and the church. More details to follow next month. Jo and Tony (281 405) will have sponsorship forms.



The unmissable **Plant and Cake Stall** will take place in the churchyard on 14 May between 10.00 and 12.00. This much-loved fixture in the West Ilsley calendar offers you the chance to sample some of the finest home-made cakes in the country and some plants lovely nurtured by some truly excellent plantsmen and women.

Easter Services

In addition to the services detailed above there will be Compline & Address at Beedon on Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 April (Holy Week). There is a Holy Communion service at Beedon at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday (13 April) and a Devotional Service at 2.00pm at Peasemore on Good Friday (14 April).

Fourways Correction – Padstow let

Please note correction to advertisement details in Fourways: House to Let: Romantic Retreat in Padstow. The telephone contact number printed contained an error. It should be 01635 200390 (not 200290 as published).

EASTER LILIES

Anne Carlisle

I shall be pleased to accept donations from anyone wishing to contribute money towards buying an Easter Lilly as a token of remembrance

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

Distraction Burglars – often known as bogus callers – are responsible for a distressing crime often aimed at the more vulnerable members of society. These people's actions can have serious consequences on the quality of life of many victims.



They will use every trick known to get into peoples houses and rifle through their possessions – taking everything of value that they can find. Bogus callers can appear to be very credible. They may claim to be utility workers, council officials or even Police officers. They are particularly persuasive and articulate and can easily talk there way into peoples homes. Current research shows that older people are their main target.

How can I stop them?

There are a few simple steps you can take to keep bogus callers out and prevent yourself being taken in by their act.

When answering the door **STOP** and think, are you expecting anybody.

CHAIN – put this on before opening the door, this will enable you to keep control of the situation.

CHECK – ask for their identification card, take it and look at it carefully. Close the door and call any organisation involved if you are not sure. Find the numbers you need on your last bill or in the telephone book.

If you are in any doubt don't let them in. If you have refused to let them in and they don't go away, call the Police.

Remember

Try not to keep lots of cash in the house and keep things like your pension book, savings book, cheque book and cards well hidden.

Most utilities and service staff will make an appointment prior to coming to your house and should not turn up unannounced. If somebody unexpected, who you don't know comes to your house do not let them in until you are absolutely sure they are genuine.

If you have concerns about a suspicious caller please contact the Police, even if the caller has left your house, as they may be calling on other houses in the area. This includes unannounced callers who claim to be carrying out property repairs. Note down a description of them, and note any registration number of any vehicle or vehicles being used.

Suspicious callers

If someone suspicious calls at your home, even if you do not let them in, **telephone the Police on 08458 505505 immediately**. Your information could be vital in stopping a crime.

If you feel you are in any danger ring 999 – it is an emergency if a crime is being committed or is about to be committed or if there is a risk of serious injury.

Update from the Neighbourhood watch office: On 24.3.06 in the Hungerford area at 8.30am a white male in his sixties with a clip-board called at a private house claiming to be from Thames Water. He wanted to go inside the house to complete a survey. The home owner checked with Thames Water and found there was no such survey

West Ilsley Parish Council
Invite you to
The Annual Parish Assembly
Monday 24th April
7pm
West Ilsley Village Hall

Come and hear news from our Village Committees

Guest Speaker
from
The Downland Practice

Next Parish Council meeting Monday 8th May,
7pm West Ilsley Village Hall

CHILDREN'S CHURCH,
ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In March, by kind permission of David and Jane Carlisle, the children had a chilly but wonderful trip to Folly Farm to see the newborn lambs. Our heartfelt thanks go to David for giving up so much of his time to tell the children about the different lambs and to Jane for her generosity in opening her house and providing such delicious refreshments after the visit. The Mums in particular were immensely grateful for a hot cup of tea in order to face the elements on the walk back home! We hope it didn't take you too long to clear the crumbs after the locusts had descended Jane!! As always, the children thoroughly enjoyed

themselves and only one or two had to be checked to ensure no cuddly lambs returned with us!

Mums and Tots (for the very young and their carers)

There will be no meeting in April due to the Easter holidays. We will be meeting at the Peasemore Rectory on **Thursday 4 May** from 10am-11.30am. This is a casual get together where the children can play and sing and the Mums get to have a chat and a coffee.

If you would like more information on either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

Holy Week Activity Morning **Wednesday 12 April** **10am – 12pm** **West Ilsley Cricket Pavilion**

Our April afterschool service will be replaced by an activity morning suitable for 3-10 year olds (younger siblings also very welcome). We will be making wooden crosses, rosary beads, hunting for eggs on the cricket pitch and listening to the story of Holy Week. Places will be limited to 25 and can be booked by telephoning Alison Banks on 01635 281705. We will be asking for a suggested donation of £2 per child and ask for children up to 6 to be accompanied by an adult. Please also provide your child with a packed lunch as we end the morning with lunch together.

WIN WALKS walking in the
neighbourhood Fred Carter



Two circular walks starting from Aldworth...4½ or 6½ miles (Map O/S Explorer 158).

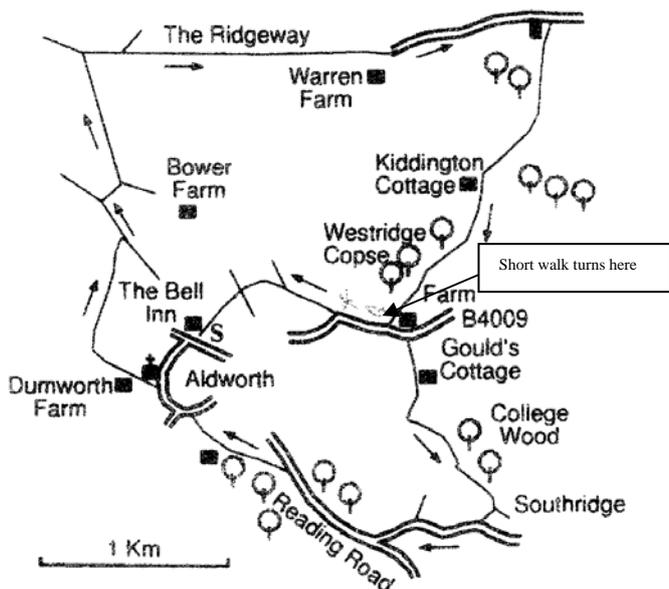
A chance to visit St Mary's Church and see the famous "Aldworth giants".

Start from near the Bell Public House and walk towards the church. Just beyond the churchyard turn right along a track. Now ignore a path on the left and continue past Dunworth Farm. Just after the farm the track bears right and soon you are heading for the Downs: on reaching a T junction turn left along a lane. After 250 yards, turn right, downhill along a track signed Warren Farm. At a track junction bear left along the main track and continue until you reach a T junction. Turn right along the Ridgeway following it as it gradually descends

towards Streatley. After about a mile you will reach the entrance to Warren Farm, Here the Ridgeway becomes metalled, continue ahead for another ½ mile then look for a house on the right called 'Wynders'. Just past the house turn right along a footpath. Level at first the path starts to ascend gradually between hedgerows then through open fields. At Kiddington Cottage bear left around the front of the cottage and follow the path uphill through Westridge Copse to join the B4009.

The shorter walk turns right here. Follow the road through Westridge Green to reach a sharp left hand bend. Here go straight ahead, passing a post box on the left. After passing the last house on the left the track becomes gravelled: after 200 yards turn left along a path across the middle of a field. At the far side go over a cross track, through a gap in the hedge, and bear left across the next field. At the far corner continue along an enclosed path to reach a road. Turn right to return to the Bell Inn.

The longer walk turns left here, then after about 100 yards, turns right down a metalled track. Where the metalled track turns left towards Gould Cottage, go straight ahead along an ascending track between hedgerows. Where the track turns right into a field carry straight on through a narrow strip of woodland. The path bears right, crosses a small opening and then ascends through College Wood. At the top go through a barrier and bear right to reach a footpath junction. Here turn right along a bridleway following it to reach a road. Turn right along the road for 700 yards (ignoring the footpath on your right hand side) to reach a road junction. (Reading Road) Turn right along the road signed for Aldworth and after 700 yards turn left along a metalled road going diagonally left, go past the houses on the left (Fayleys Farm) to reach the B4009 turn left then almost immediately right to return to Aldworth.



ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

This coming Wednesday (29 March) we have organised a treat for the toddlers at the Village Hall at our usual time. We have hired a small bouncy castle and committee members will be raiding their garages to bring along a ball pit, tents, tunnels and etc. So, if you have not been along to toddlers for a while or are new to the area this might be a particularly fun session to re/introduce your child to the group.

Our first session after the Easter break will be 19th April. A new rota for setting up duties and details of forthcoming events has been produced and copies are available at each session. Alternatively, Katharine Young will be happy to e-mail you a copy if you contact her on katharineyoung@supanet.com.

Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please contact me (281609) or Katharine Young (281539).

THE WEST ILSLEY CAMP OUT WEEKEND 17/18TH JUNE

Following last year's success, the Village Hall Committee is planning to run the Camp Out again. This is an afternoon of activities for all the children, centered round camping and located in nearby woods, followed by a camp out over night. Children can be left for the daytime, but an adult and tent is required for the sleep over. We camp within 1 mile of the village.

More details to come.....but book the date and your adult now!!!!

FETE UPDATE

The date of this years' fete is Sunday 9th July. The majority of the attractions are now organised and there should be something to please everyone.

We are pleased to announce that we will have a fun dog show this year and children are encouraged to bring along their pet dogs. Further details will be provided nearer the time.



We have booked a brass band and a children's entertainer and we will be providing an extended range of side show games for you all to enjoy.

The pre-fete dance will be held as usual on the Saturday evening and is being run by the cricket club. As the Football World Cup and Wimbledon finals are being held on the day of the fete, we are

trying to arrange a special event to cover the occasion. Watch this space!

Don't forget to start preparing your entries for the produce show. The categories will be published again next month, but are available from last month's WIN if you go to the West Ilsley web site. There has been a big increase in demand for seed potatoes for the potato growing competition. The idea is to produce the heaviest weight of potatoes from one seed potato grown in up to a 30cm diameter pot! Two children won the competition last year.....You can collect a potato from Gordon and Karen at Tanglewood or we will deliver (281876). If you should find a potato on your doorstep, please plant it and don't make chips! The men only competition is to make scones. The current scone champion Russ Brown is hoping to win again and claim the prize, so see if you can snatch victory from his floury hands! We will be running the competition for the best garden and best hanging basket as usual, and there will of course be cash prizes.

We need your help! We would like some more volunteers to run some side shows. We are also looking for donations of bric-a-brac, books, bottles, raffle prizes and crockery for the very popular crockery smashing stall. Does anyone have a hamper to donate that we could fill with items for a raffle prize? If so, please contact any of the committee members:

Karen Miller Tel. 281876

Gordon Bewick

Kath Carter

Andy Pigott

Sue Evans

Sue Simmons

GOING,
GOING



Free (or maybe a donation to the Church Roof?) – **two round chip-board display tables**, 21" diameter, and 24" high, plus glass tops. Andrea 281224

Maroon BMW 525 diesel saloon car in very good order for sale at £2,200. Norman Carlisle, 281613

THE BIG BOOST

The Big Boost provides a rare opportunity for individuals and small groups of young people to access financial support to get their ideas off the ground. At the Scarman Trust South East we want to make sure young people and their communities in

this region get the boost they so often need to make their ideas into thriving projects.

The Big Boost will fund a huge range of different projects and The Scarman Trust, together with our partner organisations, will offer tailored support to help make young people's ideas a reality. In order for a project to be eligible it must:

- Be led by a young person aged between 16 and 25
- Be for the benefit of the community
- Be a learning opportunity for the young person/people involved
- Be a new project or a development of an existing one

Projects can last for a short or long period of time and can be based on anything from arts to animals, music to new media, history to horticulture, as long as they benefit a form of community.

We would like to hear from any young person who has a project idea, or from anyone who knows where a Big Boost could make a real difference to a young person's project. Pick up the phone and give me a call, or drop me an email to discuss your idea or find out more about how to make an application. You may also like to look at the website www.bigboost.org before getting in touch. I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Roz Ward

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NORTH WESSEX DOWNS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Residents of West Ilsley are privileged to live in the magnificent landscape of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). There is a Management Plan for the area, which stretches from the River Thames in the east to Calne in the west, and from Wantage in the north to Whitchurch in the south.

We have a Sustainable Development Fund, which offers grants to community groups carrying out environmental projects that raise awareness of the North Wessex Downs AONB. To find out more about this scheme, visit

www.northwessexdowns.org.uk where you will find Guidelines and forms, or call 01488 680456.

Parish Council Update

April 2006

Excerpts from Parish Council meeting

1. Guest Speakers –

Peter Atkinson and Martyn Scott from The Rotary club speaking on behalf of the Life Education Centres available to local schools. The Chair thanked them very much for their time and we shall follow up with our support to our catchment school-The Ilsleys.

2. Matters arising

It was noted that tree surgery to the Horse Chestnut overhanging Main Street had taken place. Thanks had been sent to John Summerhill.

The precept request had been sent off to WBC.

3. Correspondence received

Letter received from Geoff Pike requesting we all get together to sign the New Trust Deed. The Clerk to invite him to the next meeting.

MoU received from the Cricket Club, which will be reviewed in May when they report to the Council. It was noted that they are not willing to maintain the ditch. The Clerk to reply and ask if they are willing to maintain the ditch for a fee.

Letter received back from Neil Stacey at WBC re our questions concerning the new 7.5 tonne weight restriction sign off the A34 by the turnoff to Beedon, the movement of the 30mph sign and the speeding through the village. Despite our challenges we have again been unsuccessful. The Council propose to approach the matter another way and The Clerk will write to Mick Channon and Alan Dunkerton (road safety team) to obtain their support with respect to road and horse safety.

4. Reports from the working parties

The Play Ground working group.

The group has received provisional costings for a range of play area equipment ranging from £10k minimum to develop the proposed site to £5 approx for a smaller set of equipment in a site in the far corner of the Recreation ground. Grants, funding and insurance issues will be investigated next.

5. Guest Speaker for the Parish Assembly

The Clerk to approach Dr Lowenthal of the Downland practice, followed by The Police and then the Rotary

Club or Air Ambulance. The Annual Parish Assembly date was set as Monday 24th April at 7pm and the PC meeting for Monday 8th May. The Clerk to invite the Committees to attend the assembly and to advertise the evening in WIN.

6. New Parish Councillors (to replace Paul and Lynne Smith)

It was confirmed that we may co-opt members to join (rather than elected) so The Clerk will advertise the vacancies. The Clerk to remove Lynne Smith as a bank signatory.

7. Open Forum

Fred Carter had offered to look into the history of West Ilsley and walks around West Ilsley. All were in favour of this and the PC offered their support.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9pm

Date of the next meeting

Monday 24th April, 2006 Annual Parish Assembly and Monday 8th May for next PC meeting-both at 7pm.

Your Councillors:

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